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Satellite Event Panel Discussion

Population dynamics in the 21st century

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An issue for the Post-2015 Development Framework?



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Background

In the year 2000, 189 member states of the United Nations approved the Millennium Declaration, from which the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) were derived. Since then, there has been significant progress in achieving the MDGs, even though some of them are still very much behind schedule and the level of development is very unevenly distributed. In 2015, the world community will decide on a new global framework for development.

Demographic factors such as population growth, an aging population, urbanisation and migration are decisive to achieving the MDGs and crucial in reducing poverty as a whole. Current forecasts estimate that Africa's young population will more than double until 2100. Given this dynamic, many governments will face the challenge of establishing better functioning education and health systems, for example. On the other hand, life expectancy has increased significantly in many countries and there will soon be more elderly people than children. Furthermore, in the year 2050, 67 per cent of the world population will live in cities. This dynamics pose huge challenges for sustainable development specifically for the many countries in Africa that even today are confronted with poverty.

The subject of population dynamics has far-reaching consequences for sectors such as environmental protection, food supply, resources, health, employment, security or social security, and is too important to be ignored in the current debate about the future of development co-operation. Discussions about the post-2015 period and future priorities are already in full swing among political decision-makers and activists.

We would like to discuss with you how the goals outlined at the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo 1994 can be integrated into a new framework for development after 2015. Why are demographic factors so important for development? What measures - for example, asserting sexual and reproductive health and rights or sustainable social security systems - really do promote development and what aspects are still missing in the current MDGs?

Our guests are:

Welcome:

Ursula Müller, Director-General, Policy issues and political governance of bilateral development cooperation; sectoral affairs, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Keynote:

Ingar Brueggemann, Former Director at the World Health Organization (WHO), Vice Chair, Rotarian Action Group for Population and Sustainable Development (RFPD)

Reply by youth representative

Discussants:

Renate Bähr, Executive Director, DSW (Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung), Member of the High-Level Task Force for ICPD

Kate Gilmore, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

John May, Center for Global Development and Adjunct Professor of Demography at Georgetown University, Washington D.C.

Tewodros Melesse, Director-General, The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)

Moderator:

Melinda Crane, Deutsche Welle-TV, Moderator

8:30 p.m. End of Panel Discussion

Following the discussion, there will be a reception to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the International Dialogue on Population and Sustainable Development hosted by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).